

Plot and Setting

What are the plot and setting of a story?

Introduce All stories have a setting and a plot.

Setting

- tells *where* the story takes place
- tells *when* the story takes place

Sometimes the author tells the reader directly what the setting is.

“The walls of his cell were built of thick cement blocks.”

Plot

- tells *what happens* in a story
- involves a problem, or conflict
- is affected by the setting

You can use a diagram to show the events of the plot.

